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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Christopher Jones et al. §  
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For: Method and Apparatus for §  
Performing Rapid Isotopic §  
Analysis Via Laser Spectroscopy §

§ Group Art Unit: 2878

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 26, 2004**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.